



**MISS PEARL COSTELLO**  
A Native of North Carolina, Featur ed with  
**Robinson's Famous Circus**

### Proclamation on Moonlight Schools

Governor Craig has issued the following proclamation in regard to moonlight schools:

"Whereas there are in North Carolina 132,000 white men and women boys and girls, over 10 years of age who cannot read and write—an army greater in number than was sent by North Carolina to the service of the Confederate States—and 14 per cent of the white voters are reported in the census as illiterate, the state in this particular standing practically at the bottom of the roll of states; and

"Whereas it is largely because they lacked opportunity, largely because they had no chance, that these people, brothers and sisters of ours, are illiterate today, growing up as they did in the years of war and reconstruction, and the years of poverty that followed, before the state had provided adequate schools or thoroughly realized its duty to provide facilities whereby every child may 'burgeon out all there is within him'; and

"Whereas the state has now come to a poignant realization of its duty not only to provide schools for the boys and girls of today, but also to open the doors of knowledge, of hope, and of opportunity for all who were neglected in her days of poverty; and

"Whereas, while our illiterate people as a whole have bravely and perseveringly achieved usefulness, success, good citizenship and high character, despite their terrible handicap, we can but feel how infinitely greater would have been their achievements, how infinitely richer their contribution to the life of our commonwealth had they but had the keys of learning in their hands; and while our state, through patient struggle, has won its way out toward prosperity and civic progress, we can but reflect upon the far, far greater progress we should make were all our people educated; and

"Whereas, through the 'Moonlight School' as we are assured by the experience of Kentucky and by the experience of numerous counties in our own state, the method is at hand, as outlined by the superintendent of public instruction and the state committee on community service, whereby we may carry the immeasurable benefits of education to all who were neglected or neglected in their youth; and

"Now, therefore, I, Locke Craig, governor of North Carolina, do issue this my proclamation to designate the month of November, 1915, as 'Moonlight School Month' in North Carolina, and set it apart to be devoted to the high purpose of beginning a crusade to eliminate illiteracy from the state, trusting that the movement then begun will not cease until every unlettered man and woman, boy and girl is given access through reading to all the wealth of knowledge now sealed to them, to the end that North Carolina long before another census may be a state without adult illiterates.

"I, therefore, call upon the citizens, teachers, and educational authorities of every county to organize for the purpose of eliminating adult illiteracy from that county; and

"I call upon the members of the Farmers' Union, the Press Association, the Junior Order, the Federation of Women's Clubs, and all the other organizations that have already enlisted in the cause, to be unfaltering in their splendid purpose to carry it through to a triumphant conclusion; and

"I call upon the commercial organizations, boards of trade, civic clubs, religious organizations, Sunday schools and all organizations everywhere to give loyal, enthusiastic aid and support to a movement whose success will promote the welfare of every individual in the state and bring new confidence and courage to all the people; and

"I call upon every man and every woman who craves the sacred privilege of being of greater service to those in greatest need to render here the infinite services of bringing new freedom to a human mind.

"Done in our city of Raleigh on the 9th day of October, in the year of our Lord one thousand nine hundred and fifteen, and in the one hundred and fortieth year of our American independence,

"LOCKE CRAIG,  
Governor."

### MINISTER RESIGNS.

(By the Associated Press)  
Lima, Peru, Oct. 14.—The minister of finance, L. Yarests, presented his resignation today. President Cardo declined to accept it.

## FAMOUS SHOWS IN HICKORY TODAY

The Robinson Famous Shows, have come to town. The good old circus with its gleam, its glitter and gold, has once more invaded the city, and promises to be the Mecca for all whose hearts are young, during the joyous day, circus day.

First of all in this morning's line of march came the rumbling wagons bearing the commissary equipment—the gigantic ranges heated entirely by steam, the dining tents with their long tables of spotlessly white linen and everything necessary to furnish breakfast for the immense circus family of 600 people, who three times each day gather about the board. With wonderful rapidity, the steward had his department at work, and as fast as the working-men arrived they were furnished with a hot breakfast and steaming coffee. After the first section, bearing the commissary equipment, came the circus special, containing the wonderful Robinson wild animals and baggage equipment. Nothing pleased the great crowd which crowded the circus grounds more, than the "big top." The boss canvass man and his men put it into the air today with as much ease as the average camper pitches his sleeping tent. So rapidly was the work done that it was completely erected before the last of the circus specials had arrived.

With the breakfast over, active preparations were begun for the parade, which left the show grounds shortly after 10 o'clock. It was a marvel of circus beauty. There was a long line of fantastic finery, half a dozen bands, and ponderous elephants, large open dens of wild beasts, and show horses, well, a small boy said there must have been a million of them.

Following the parade the show grounds appeared to be the objective point. Everything was in readiness to receive the crowds and they came from everywhere. The doors to the big show were opened promptly at 1 o'clock. One hour was allotted to the spectators for viewing Robinson's wonderful collection of wild animals, said to be the rarest and costliest in the world. Preceding the big show by thirty minutes a concert was given by Richard Masters' Royal Military Band.

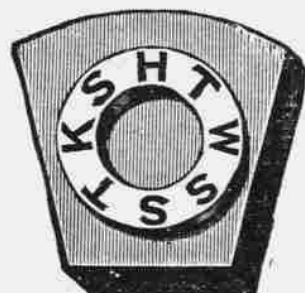
Among the feature acts are the Eight Nelsons, who are acrobatic wonders and represent four generations, De Marc's Baboon and Monkey Circus created much laughter, and the Three Loret Sisters are aerial marvels. The Japanese troupe are good and perform startling stunts. The performing war elephants and horses are up to the Robinson standard.

The wire walkers, leapers, bareback riders and acrobats are the best ever. The wardrobe costumes and dresses are new, bright and pretty. There are scores of other interesting acts of merit and a big bunch of funny clowns who are good pantomimists and decidedly interesting to lovers of good clean comedy.

Another full and complete performance will be given tonight, at 8 o'clock. The doors to the big show and menagerie will be opened an hour earlier.

### \$50 Special Tax.

A hornet's nest was stirred up in Davie county last week when it was found that all the merchants who sold cartridges had to pull out \$50 and pay special tax. Cartridges will not be so plentiful hereafter, says the Record.



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### RAILROADS PAY UP

Settle for Taxes for Year—A Likely Total.

Raleigh, Oct. 14.—The Southern, the Atlantic Coast Line, the Norfolk Southern and numbers of the smaller of the railroad companies in the state have already paid their 1915 taxes on the basis of the increased assessments made by the corporation commission and the check from the Seaboard is expected any day now. It has been delayed by the suit the company instituted in the federal court and later withdrew.

The state will have about \$200,000 revenue this year from the railroads. Of this the Southern pays \$136,903; the Coast Line, \$95,852; Seaboard, \$65,679, and the Norfolk Southern, \$24,087.

The tax assessment of banks was certified to the various banks by the state treasurer within the first week, and already the payments of taxes by these institutions are coming in at the rate of about 30 a day. The tax revenue from the banks will aggregate \$60,416. This does not include the banks in Wake county, which have not yet been certified. The assessments against corporations generally will go out, duly certified within the next few days.

Following exploration by American geologists, experts from the United States are investigating the petroleum deposits of northern China, which may become one of the world's great oil fields.

### STATE OF NORTH CAROLINA, CATAWBA COUNTY.

#### NOTICE.

In the Superior Court.  
SALLIE HAAS

vs.  
WYATT HAAS.

The defendant above-named will take notice that an action entitled as above has been commenced in the Superior Court of Catawba County for absolute divorce and for custody of Frank Haas, child of the marriage of the parties; and the said defendant will further take notice that he is required to appear at the term of the Superior Court of Catawba County to be held on the first Monday of November, 1915, at the courthouse in said county, and answer or demur to the complaint in said action, or the plaintiff will apply to the court for the relief demanded in her complaint. This, September 11, 1915.  
J. T. SETZER,  
Clerk Superior Court.

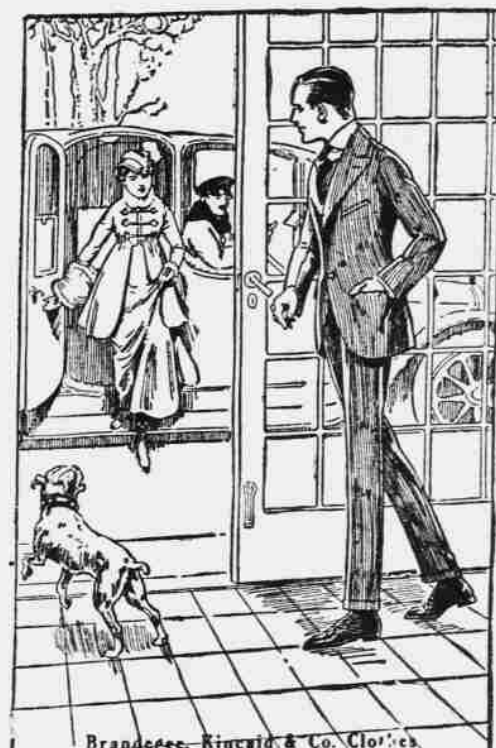
### STATE SUNDAY SCHOOL CONVENTION NOV. 22-24

Salisbury, Oct. 14.—The dates for the state Sunday school convention, which is to be held in Salisbury, have been definitely and finally decided. The convention will be held November 22, 23, 24. The date originally set had to be changed because of inability to secure speakers then and another date was erroneously set. But now it is definitely announced that the dates named above will be the days upon which the convention will be held.

It is said that speakers of national reputation will be in attendance and the program will be unusually interesting.

The Lutheran ministers of Rowan county met in Salisbury in quarterly session and with a large per cent of the ministers present. An all-day session was held and topics of special interest to the members of the association were discussed. At these quarterly meetings a practical and a doctrinal subjects are discussed.

Rev. C. F. Sherrill, pastor of the Street Methodist church, has been elected for a series of meetings which embrace the fourth and fifth days in this month. Mr. Green has been very successful in revival meetings this year. He brings a special singer, Ralph Newsome.



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Men's Royal Blue \$4.50 Shoes	.....	\$3.65 and \$3.85
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Men's Selz Blue \$3.50 Shoes	.....	\$2.65 and \$2.85
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Men's Selz Blue \$2.50 Shoes	.....	\$1.85 and \$2.00
Men's Selz Blue \$2.00 Shoes	.....	\$1.65
Women's Royal Blue \$4.00 Shoes	.....	\$3.15 and \$3.35
Women's Royal Blue \$3.50 Shoes	.....	\$2.65 and \$2.85
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Women's Royal Blue \$2.50 Shoes	.....	\$1.85 and \$2.00
Women's Royal Blue \$2.00 Shoes	.....	\$1.65
Women's Royal Blue \$1.75 Shoes	.....	\$1.45
Women's Royal Blue \$1.50 Shoes	.....	\$1.30
Boys', Misses' and Children's \$3.00 Shoes	.....	\$2.15 and \$2.35
Boys', Misses' and Children's \$2.50 Shoes	.....	\$1.85 and \$2.00
Boys', Misses' and Children's \$2.00 Shoes	.....	\$1.65
Boys', Misses' and Children's \$1.75 Shoes	.....	\$1.45
Boys', Misses' and Children's \$1.50 Shoes	.....	\$1.30
Boys', Misses' and Children's \$1.25 Shoes	.....	\$1.05
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